ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

          In an apparatus for monitoring devices
connected to a network, an event collecting part
collects each event received from the devices and
5   controls an event table to maintain device
information when the event indicates a problem. A
problem alarm notifying part determines, based on
dependent information maintained by a relationship
object maintaining part, whether or not each of the
10   devices identified by the device information
maintained in the event table influences another
device by the problem, and specifies which device is
causing the problem in accordance with a result of
the determination.